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APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF

Sir:

Appellant stands by the position stated in APPELLANT'S APPEAL BRIEF.

It is noted that the rejection of claims 18 and 26 as being anticipated by Becker (U.S. Patent 6,182,957), characterized as REJECTION II, has been withdrawn.

Claims 18 and 26 are now the subject of a new ground of rejection, namely, under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Von Hofe in view of Becker, which is characterized as REJECTION III. Accordingly, claims 18 and 26 are now

rejected along with and for the same reasons as claims 1 through 4, 6, 10, 13, 15 through 17, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 27 through 31.

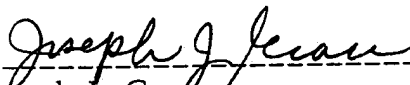
It is noted that claims 18 and 26 are dependent on claim 1. The recitation of claims 18 and 26 are in accordance with a commercial embodiment. For reasons stated with respect to Von Hofe under Rejection III, Claim 1, Von Hofe fails to teach the claimed invention. Even though Becker uses plastics, Becker like Von Hofe fails to teach spaced perforable weak locations.

It is requested that the appeal be maintained.

A hearing is requested and form PTO/SB/32 is submitted herewith.

It is further requested that the many rejections be overturned and all the claims on appeal be found allowable to Appellant.

Respectfully submitted,



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